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Field Crops

Eighty percent of the cotton acreage has open bolls. Cotton harvesting is 15 percent complete across the State. Cotton condition in the State varies from fair to excellent. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions vary from fair to excellent.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped seeded and seedless watermelons.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending September 14, ranging from 5 degrees below normal at Paloma to 4 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 107 degrees at Parker, and the lowest reading of 30 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 18 of the 22 stations. Safford received the most at 1.95 inches of precipitation and Winslow received the least with 0.07 inches. There are only four stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

The month of August brought much needed rains and moisture to rangeland and pastures across Arizona. Most areas of the state had monsoon rains. The State's rangeland and pasture condition varied from very poor to excellent depending on location. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were adequate. Insect damage was moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture condition varied from mostly good to excellent. High elevation conditions were good to excellent. Mid elevation conditions were good. Low elevation conditions were poor to good, depending on location. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies were adequate. Soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage was light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition varied from very poor to excellent, depending on elevation. High and mid elevation conditions were very poor to excellent depending on location. Low elevation conditions varied from very poor to good. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were adequate. Insect damage was light to moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions varied from good to excellent, depending on elevation. High, mid and low elevation pastures were in good to excellent condition. Cattle and calves were in mostly good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were adequate. Insect damage was moderate.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
September 8 - September 14, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	79	-2	100	59	0.08	6.09	-0.98	86
Buckeye	84	-4	103	63	0.00	4.06	-0.88	82
Canyon De Chelly	64	-4	90	35	0.22	7.04	0.49	107
Coolidge	81	-1	104	59	0.47	4.38	-0.75	85
Douglas	74	1	94	53	0.63	9.00	-0.89	91
Flagstaff	59	0	81	36	0.53	13.18	-2.72	83
Grand Canyon	58	4	85	30	0.10	9.54	-4.98	66
Kingman	76	0	100	55	0.00	4.22	-2.85	60
Marana	82	-1	100	64	0.19	5.41	-2.46	69
Maricopa	83	-2	102	62	0.45	5.71	0.86	118
Paloma	83	-5	104	62	0.13	4.16	-0.51	89
Parker	84	-2	107	62	0.17	2.47	-0.41	86
Payson	69	2	86	48	0.44	14.24	-1.06	93
Phoenix	89	3	106	73	0.00	7.97	3.03	161
Prescott	69	4	92	48	0.63	9.58	-4.93	66
Roll	85	-4	106	60	0.00	2.00	-0.03	99
Safford	76	-1	93	53	1.95	7.64	1.09	117
St. Johns	66	0	88	40	0.21	5.91	-2.40	71
Tucson	80	-2	101	63	0.24	7.35	-1.08	87
Willcox	74	2	95	50	0.24	8.42	-0.81	91
Winslow	70	1	92	44	0.07	3.62	-1.83	66
Yuma	88	1	106	71	0.16	2.00	-0.03	99

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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